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ACTION!

NEW!



PIRATES

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out the contest
on the back
page!

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SIX
SENSATIONAL
PIRATE
COUPONS!

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Members
Only!



new PossiBuildities

UP CLOSE &
PERSONAL

THE ADMIRAL

Favorite food:

A "galleon" of rocky road ice cream

Favorite basketball player:

David "the Admiral" Robinson

Favorite football team:

The Buccaneers

Favorite song:

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

The admiral of the Imperial Armada is one of the toughest sea dogs to sail the seven seas. Everyone calls him "the Admiral" because no one knows what his name is. He was marooned on a desert island when he was a baby and found by some Islanders. Ever since then, he's been a sailor.

The Admiral wears his super shiny armor everywhere, even in the tub. It just takes him awhile to scrub the rust stains off his neck.

His favorite tub toy is

#6289 Red Beard's Runner. "I like to practice sinking his ship," says the Admiral.

The Admiral is a real sports fan. He especially likes to hang out with his friends the Islanders and play soccer. In the islands, they use coconuts for balls and palm trees for goals. "My scores aren't too good, but we sure eat well after the game," he says.

Hey, kids. Help give my friend, the Admiral a name. See the contest on the back page to place your vote.



A working compass helps point you in the right direction!

#6280

Armada Flagship

Look at all this seafarin' stuff — a working compass and steering wheel, sails that hoist up and down, a net and crane to crank up supplies, a swiveling cannon, and a collapsible mast that falls down during battle!



Pull the pin and drop the mast! After battle, snap the mast back into place.



Hoist sails up and down!



The Admiral's crew voted him best dressed in a shiny chrome vest.



Hand over the Islander gold, Red Beard, or walk the plank!



FOR SOME SEAFARIN' FUN!

#6289 Red Beard Runner

Hoist the sails! This mighty pirate ship is loaded and ready for the toughest sea battles. When the mast collapses on to the deck, just pop it back up and you won't be shipwrecked. If the skull hull gets rammed and starts to break away, the crew can snap it back and save the day. Beware of the secret winch and net — Red Beard uses them to load all the treasure (and prisoners) he can get.



Keep Skull Cave a secret — push the tooth to make skull face swivel — look what's inside!



Push the catapult and watch Skully do the "Volcano Vault!"



Pull the pin to drop the mast!



A working compass on board!

#6248 Volcano Island

Although Volcano diving may not be an official Olympic sport, it's pretty popular on Volcano Island. Skully's hidden the treasure so well that he can spend his days diving instead of guarding the treasure. Check out his latest dive, "Volcano Vault!"



Skull hull breaks away and then you can save the ship by snapping it back into place!

Hoist sails up and down!

Hoist treasure with crane to keep it safe!

Secret Jail

Hidden catapult sends treasure stealers sailing!

George, is that you?

You don't scare me, ah...what is your name anyway?



#6232 Skeleton Crew

#6296 Shipwreck Island

This treasure island is so much fun, that all the pirates just flip over it. One wrong step could send you sailing through the air, hoisted in a net, or a crocodile's lunch.

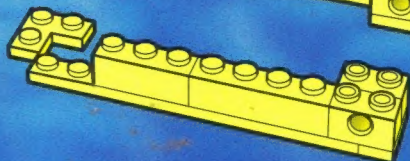
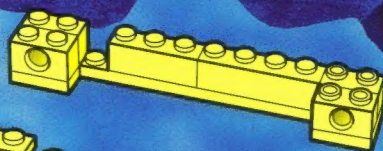


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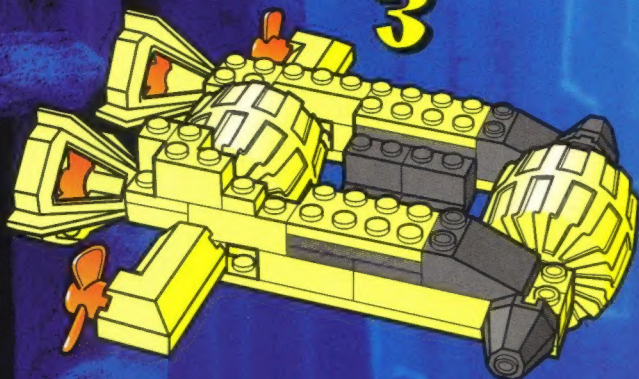
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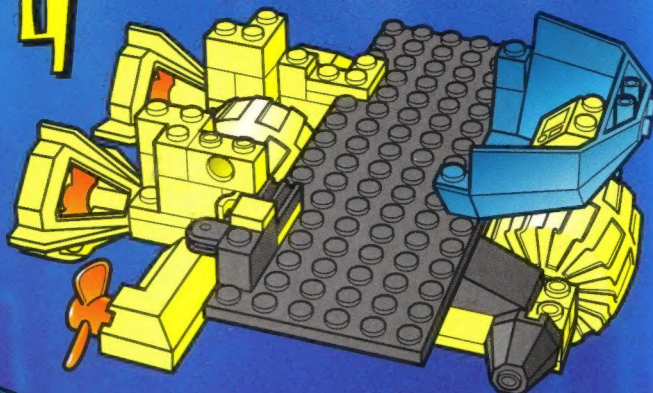
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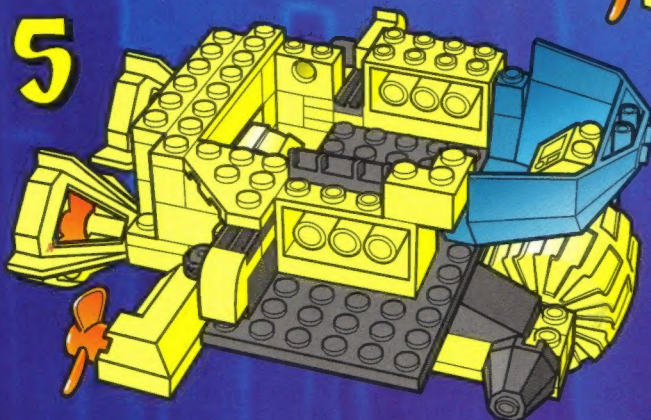
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You can
cruise down the
crookedest street
here.

Tattoo
McGoo



Use pieces from
#1728 Crystal Crawler
and #6175 Crystal
Explorer Sub or pieces
from your own LEGO
collection to create
your own Aqua 5!

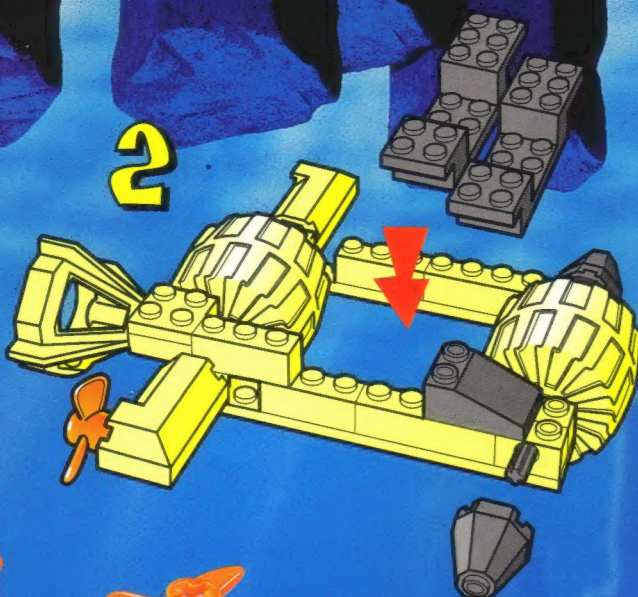
The Building Challenge

Send a photo of your own
original LEGO Time Machine
by May 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Time Machine Challenge
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Look for photos of the top entries in an
upcoming issue of MANIA Magazine.
Club members featured will receive
a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)





Aqua 5

Hey Caley -
Thanks for the
cool logo design!

Caley Carson, Age 12 of
Colorado inspired this Cool
Creation -- Aqua 5



Use the FREE Playscape in #1728 to
create your own ocean bottom.
There are lots of cool crevices to
hide crystals from the Aquasharks.

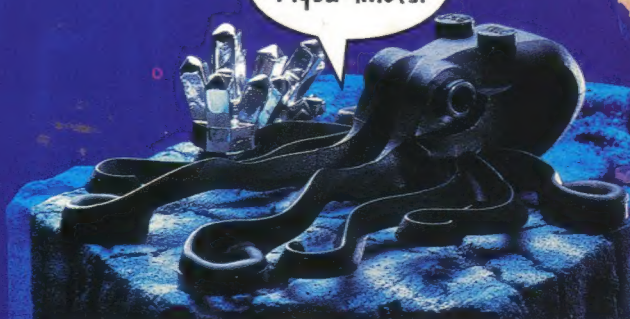


How does an
Aquashark tie
his shoes?

With
Aqua-knots.



Take the Aqua 5 out
for a spin -- search
the ocean floor for
precious crystals!



Feature Story

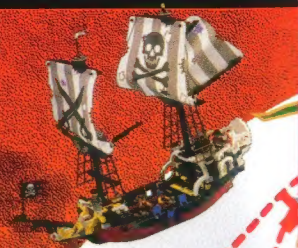
EXPLORER FRANCIS DRAKE —AROUND THE WORLD IN 1095 DAYS?

It's a good thing Francis Drake became a sailor. He didn't live on land very much. He was born around 1540, and when he was eight, his father moved the family onto an abandoned boat. By the time he was 17, Francis was captain of his own ship. He probably didn't mind getting away from home — he had 11 brothers!

In his lifetime, Drake was a hero and a pirate, depending on which country you ask. In 1580, he became the second explorer to sail around the world. And in 1588, he helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada. Join Drake in his adventures around the world. Just follow his stops on the map.



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4 1579: Drake stopped near California to repair the ship. He stayed a month visiting with the local Indians.

Sailing with the Armada

Pretend you're Francis Drake living in England about 400 years ago. Coming toward you is a fleet of 130 sailing ships...the Spanish Armada!

The Armada made an awesome sight as it sailed toward England in 1588. At that time England and Spain were fighting each other. An Armada warship, or galleon, looked a lot like the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. The galleons' hulls were painted in bright colors, there were carved decorations on the ships, and big red crosses filled the sails.

The ships carried spare masts and sails because these were the parts of ships that were damaged the most. The masts were made from big trees and couldn't just be snapped back in place like those on the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. During a battle, men rushed to repair



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damage to the ship's hull. They used canvas and tar to patch holes. Repairing a #6289 Red Beard Runner is much easier — you just pop the hull back in place.

A Spanish Armada galleon could fire 50-pound cannonballs as far as five football fields (500 yards). The Spanish fired over 123,000 cannonballs at the English galleons without seriously damaging one ship! Their cannonballs were defective.

Because Drake was such a successful pirate against their ships, the Spanish called him The Dragon. They even believed that he had a magic mirror on his ship that showed him where their treasure was hidden!





Because the English ships could shoot cannonballs 700 yards, the English tried to sink the Spanish galleons from far away. But from that distance, their lightweight cannonballs just bounced off the Spanish ships. Of the 130 ships in the Armada, about half returned to Spain. But only one ship was sunk by English cannons. The rest were abandoned, wrecked by storms, or damaged from crashing into other ships.

What was it like aboard the Armada during the long voyage from Spain to England?

Stinky. To save water the crew didn't wash themselves or their clothes for two months!



SEND A PHOTO OF
YOUR MODEL TO:

maniac madness

LEGO Club
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT
06083-1308

Remember to write your name,
address, age and model name on
the back of the photo. Pictures
will not be returned, so take an
extra photo for yourself!

Timothy Schumacher
Age 4, Illinois

Chickenzord

Mike Maneechote
Age 9, Illinois

"Live"



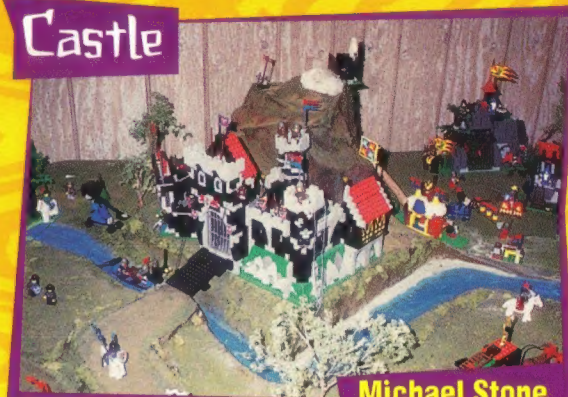
Check out the crowd surfer, he's nuts!

**Sparky's
Doghouse**

Becky Freeman
Age 8, California



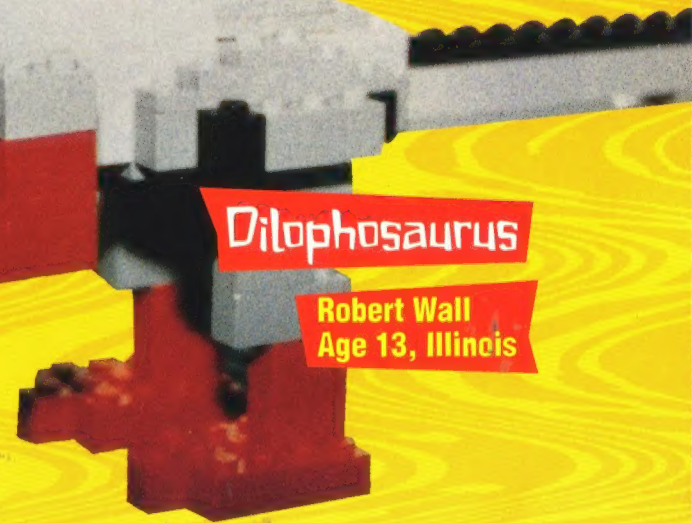
Castle



Michael Stone
Age 9, Arizona

Dilophosaurus

Robert Wall
Age 13, Illinois



**Statue of
Liberty**

Alex Czarnecki
Age 7, California



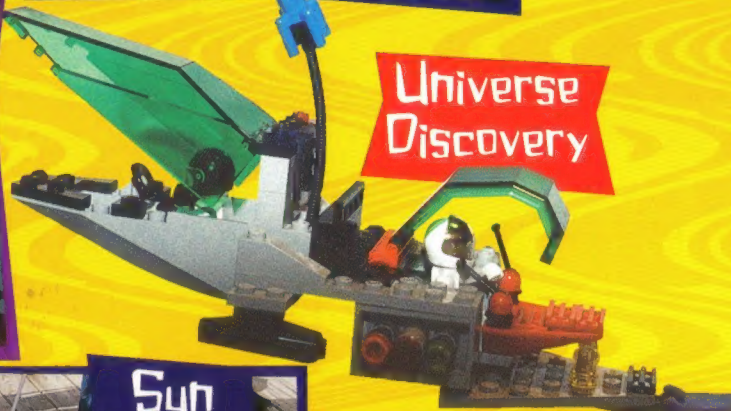
Ships Ahoy



Kate, Ryan & Neal Herring
Ages 8, 12 & 5, Alabama



Gear reduction
makes Sparky's
door open & close!



Universe Discovery

Thomas Stokes
Age 5, Maryland



Golden Gate Bridge Tower

Lee Chern
California

It's
Huge!



Sun Cruiser

Solar
Powered

Ben & Becky Whitcomb
Vermont

Ben & Becky
used solar panels
to power the
propeller on their
"Sun Cruiser"!
They're so bright.

Parma
Sean
LaFeet

Mateys,
this bridge,
tis' a clue



I was the
"Helper"!



Spaceship

Clement Beaumont
Age 7, New York



"HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY HELPER" CONTEST WINNERS November/December MANIA Magazine

- Robbie Cochrane, Washington, Age 6
- David Bulman, New Jersey, Age 10
- Adam Boyle, Vermont, Age 13
- Jin Ding Cheung, New York, Age 12
- Patrick Steen, Kansas, Age 10
- Sam Marcello, Indiana, Age 10
- Tyler Andrew Jackson, Ohio, Age 11
- Erik Krebs, New York, Age 8
- Ching-Shih Yang, Texas, Age 10
- Chris Soto, Texas, Age 9

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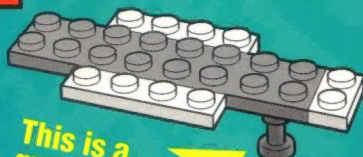
Experience real off-roading action. You'll find all the pieces you need to build the Rad Racing Rig in #1821 Rally Racers, or use pieces from your own LEGO collection.

The Rad Racing RIG



Create an off-roading race course with the ramp and free race plate in #1821 Rally Racers or create your own, like member, Nathan Ray, of New York. He used roof pieces and a baseplate to create an awesome motorcycle stunt course!

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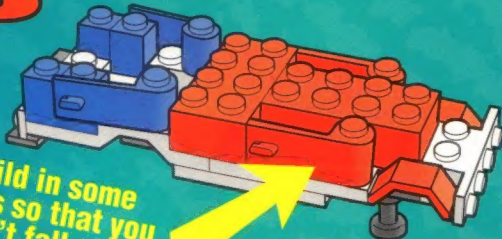
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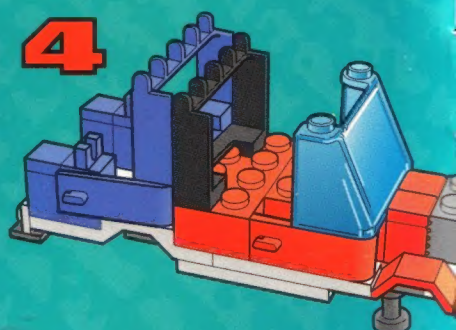
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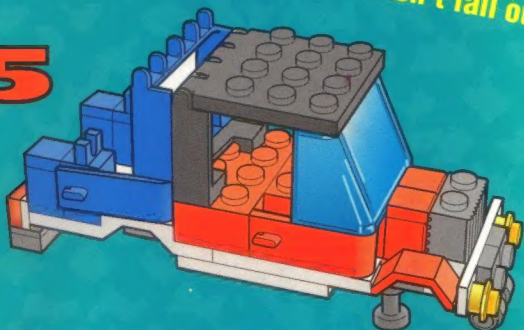


Build in some doors so that you don't fall out!

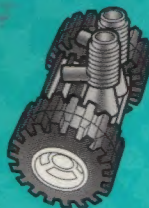
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Let 'em eat your dust!

Football 49ers "rush for gold" here.



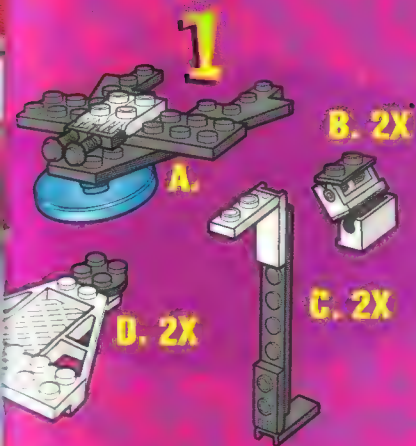
Jake the Snake Blake

You Could be President of LEGO!

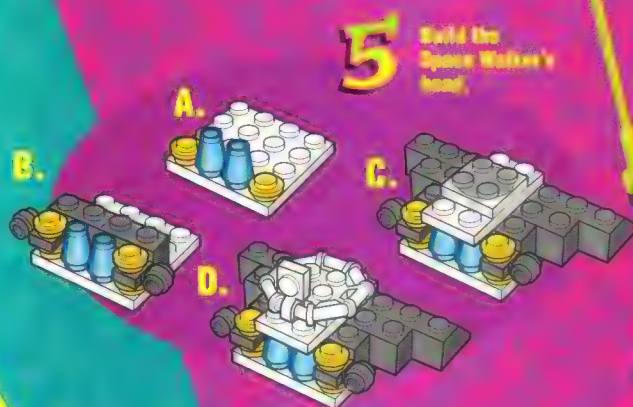
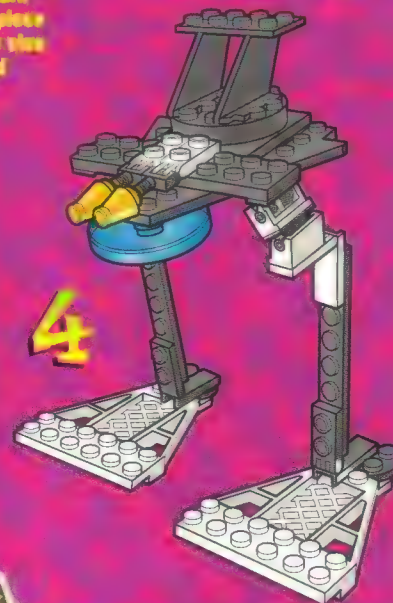
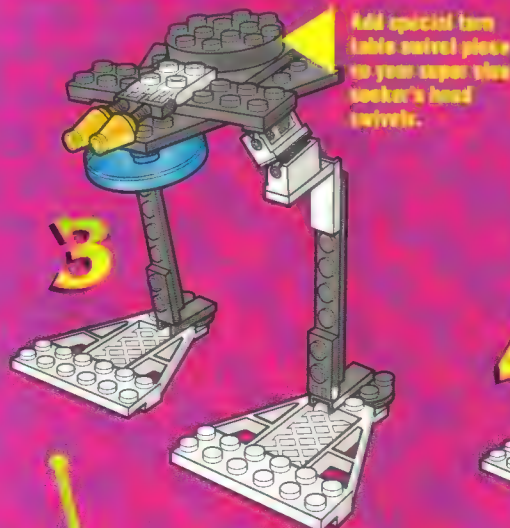
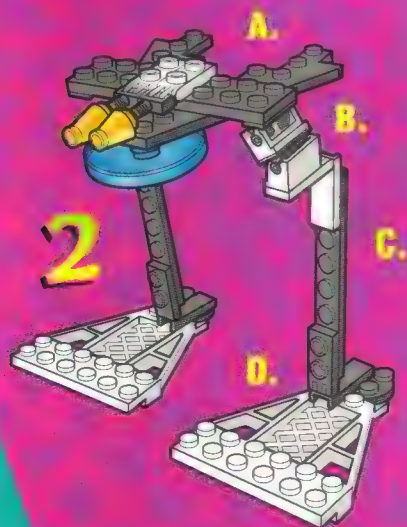
Enter the LEGO President for A Day Sweepstakes at your local Wal-Mart Store from March 15th to April 15th, 1996

Hurry!
Sweepstakes entries must be received by May 1, 1996.





Our sources tell us that Beau Hesterberg of Texas is working for the Explorians. His latest creation -- Space Walker -- is a super f-i-l-e-x-i-b-l-e clue seeker and decoder. Use pieces from #6854 Alien Fossilizer and #6856 Planetary Decoder or pieces from your own LEGO collection to create your own Space Walker!



This decoding set makes yoga look easy because its flexible legs can bend in just about any direction.

How does an Explorian hold up his pants?

With an Asteroid Belt.

To see the answer, use a blue Explorian decoding tool.



The Grand Prize includes:

- A \$1,000 LEGO Shopping Spree at Wal-Mart
- An all expense paid trip for 4 to our U.S. Headquarters where you'll get to see some top secret new LEGO sets, hang out with the LEGO model designers and see how life-size LEGO models are made, inspect the super secret LEGO factory, and get interviewed for MANIA Magazine!

See Sweepstakes entry form at Wal-Mart Stores for more details. Entry forms available from March 15-April 15, 1996.



Practice taking your first steps and start searching for clues to decode!

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send your original model-making instructions to:

LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)



the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac





MANIAC, FIRST CLASS, REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR! I THINK RED BEARD IS PLANNING...

LATER, MANIAC. WE HAVE TO RESCUE SOME STRANDED ISLANDERS.

HELP!

HELP!

HEY, WHO TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS!

BOOM!

AS THE ADMIRAL GOES TO SAVE THE FAKE ISLANDERS, CAPT. RED BEARD SHOOTS A CANNONBALL AT THE ARMADA FLAGSHIP.

BATTLE STATIONS! MANIAC, TAKE THE WHEEL.

HAND OVER THE TREASURE!

NEVER RED BEARD. I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO FIGHT!

INCOMING PIRATE, ONE O'CLOCK!

AAAHHH
AAA HAAA
AAAHH!

GRAB THE GOLD GEORGE!

I CAN'T SEE! UH, OH, LOOK OUT THERE!

I WANT TO BE AN EXPLORER!

TM
RC

This city is home to Baseball Giants.

Black Jack Hawkins

MANIAC, WE'RE SINKING. WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP.

HANG ON ADMIRAL. I'M GOING TO GIVE RED BEARD A BATH

SSSSSS

THE SKULL HULL BREAKS AWAY-- SENDING RED BEARD OVERBOARD!

BLAST YOU, MANIAC!

POW!

I'LL HAVE THE ARMADA FLAGSHIP REBUILT IN NO TIME...

...WITH A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR RED BEARD!

THE MANIAC RETURNS TO NORMAL SIZE TO REBUILD THE FLAGSHIP.

THANKS MANIAC. OUR SHIP IS AS GOOD AS NEW.

NO PROBLEM ADMIRAL. IT WAS A SNAP.

AND SPEAKING OF SNAPS, LET'S SEE HOW RED BEARD IS DOING.

SWIM FASTER!

HEY, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG STORY! GO CHASE CAPT. HOOK!

THE END.

TECH TIPS

LEGO Technic



Just Crank It!

Turn the knob on top to steer your Buggy over tough terrain!

Protective Roll Bar!



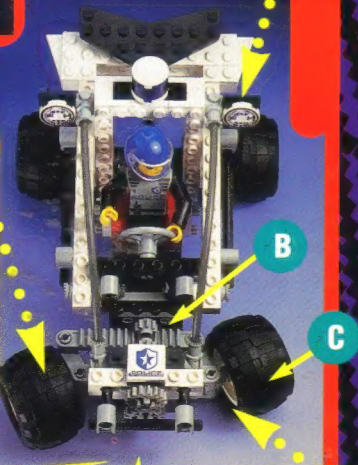
The new #8230 Police Buggy chases crooks, over any terrain. And thanks to its rack and pinion steering, turns will be super smooth and in control.

What's rack and pinion steering, you say? Here's the real deal. See that knob on top of the Buggy. That steers the front wheels. But not right away. **A** First it cranks the axle connected to the wheels. **B** The axle cranks a gear connected to that bar with the teeth on it. **C** The bar then turns the wheels. Actually, it's a lot easier to do than to explain, so just crank it and cruise!

And here's a building tip from our Master Builder, Allen about using rack and pinion steering with your other LEGO sets. "It's great for making things turn," Allen says. "If you want to turn a radar dish on a police station or rotate a satellite dish on a house, you can do it with rack and pinion steering pieces."

Building Instructions for 2 Cool Vehicles!

Moveable headlights tilt into just the right position.



Real Rack and Pinion Steering!

Hop a trolley car here.



Air-Filled, off-roading tires make even the roughest bumps a breeze!

Motorize the alternate model with #8720 Power Pack!

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Travel the World & WIN a Prize!

SAVE \$8

Instantly on this set!



#6289 Red Beard Runner

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96

SAVE \$4

Instantly on this set!



#6280 Armada Flagship

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96

SAVE \$3

Instantly on this set!



#6262 King Kahuka's Throne

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96

SAVE \$2

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#6256 Islander Catamaran

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96

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#6296 Shipwreck Island

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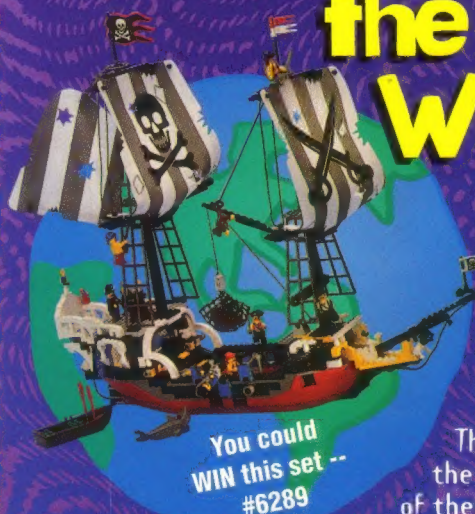
SAVE \$1

Instantly on this set!



#6248 Volcano Island

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96



You could
WIN this set --
#6289

Can you figure out the name of the U.S. city that Drake visited on his trip around the world? To get you started, flip to page 6 where you'll find a map of Drake's trip. Then look throughout the magazine for pirates with more clues about this famous modern-day city. Good sailing!

The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answer will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value). Winners will be notified by mail by June 21, 1996.



**\$20
INSTANT
SAVINGS!**

Winners of the
November/December '95
contest are on Page 9.

How to Enter:

Just fill in the contest entry form.
Cut it out and mail it by
May 27, 1996 to:

Travel the World Contest

LEGO MANIA Magazine
P.O. Box 1625
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Entries must be postmarked by May 27, 1996 and received by May 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1996 LEGO Group.

Cut Here and Mail by May 27, 1996



Travel the World Contest Entry Form

On his trip around the world, Sir Francis Drake
stopped near this city in the United States:

Fill in your answer here

Just for fun...Name the Admiral! Help us pick a name for the Admiral of the #6280 Imperial Armada. Look over his "Up Close and Personal" biography on page 2 and vote for the name that you think fits him best. (Or write a name on the blank if you think of a better one.)

I think the Imperial Armada's Admiral should be called: (Please circle one)

A) Billy Cannonball Cordoba B) Don Diego de LEGO C) _____

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Check your name and address.
Make corrections if necessary.